New scheme for Readers

5457. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission has devised a new scheme for Readers, instead of promotions as Professors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the teachers thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it proposes to formulate a suitable Scheme for rewarding meritorious teachers in the grade of Reader/Lecturer (Selection Grade) in affiliated colleges. The basic objective of the reward scheme is to strive towards educational excellence in the college education system by identifying and rewarding meritorious college teachers, who have made excellent contributions in their respective fields.

Ineffective Women's Law

5458. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that various laws concerning women are outdated and ineffective;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to review such laws and to make them effective;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) (a) to